

zines to books. It is such a veritable ocean of  
worthless-  
ness that one tends to lose sight of some really  
good things  
that are published. I send you herewith three  
little volumes  
that have appeared during the last year, each  
of which  
seems to have some real stuff in it. The  
'From Epicurus  
to Christ' seems to me to go pretty well down  
toward the  
heart of things in getting at the worth, even in  
very brief  
fashion, of those ancient philosophies which  
stand at the  
base of our present moral structure. The  
other two vol-  
umes deal more lightly with lighter subjects,  
for they are  
only collections of essays ; but I have enjoyed  
them so that  
I am sure I shall like to reread them now and  
then. I send  
them to you on the off chance of your liking  
them.

I have just finished a fortnight's trip in the  
Southern  
States, where I was received with the utmost  
enthusiasm.  
As far as I know I did not flinch from one of  
my princi-  
ples; but I did do my best to show the  
Southern people  
not only that I was earnestly desirous of doing  
what was  
best for them, but that I felt a profound  
sympathy and  
admiration for them; and they met me half way.  
This does  
not mean any political change at all in the  
South, and it  
means but a slight permanent change in the  
attitude of the  
Southerners ; but I think it does mean this  
slight permanent  
change, and it marks one more step toward  
what I believe  
will some day come about — the complete  
reunion of the  
two sections.

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1905.

I am greatly pleased and honored by your  
sending me  
those books which you have *proved* yourself. I  
am afraid  
that the trash, of which you speak in America  
as flooding  
the press, is produced not alone in America of  
English-  
speaking nations. The best signs in England  
are the in-  
numerable reprints of good old books, which  
continue to  
be issued side by side with much balderdash.  
The very  
titles of the volumes which you have been kind  
enough to